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Quarterly
Awards named.**

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Photo by Mark Bates

Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife, Lynne, are greeted by Admiral Thomas Fargo, U.S. Pacific Command commander, and Mrs. Fargo and Col. Ray Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander, and Mrs. Torres during his visit to

Hawaii. Vice President Cheney landed on Hickam's flightline Sunday for his speaking engagement at the Hawaii Convention Center. This was the first time in history a national candidate stopped in Hawaii so close to election day.

Cheney lands at Hickam

VP stops on island to speak at convention center

By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

With just 36 hours before voting booths opened on the East Coast, Air Force Two landed on Hickam's flight line with the vice president for his speaking engagement in Honolulu to address more than 7,000 people at the Hawaii Convention Center.

Exiting the aircraft, Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife, Lynne, waved to more than 100 base members as they were greeted by Admiral Thomas Fargo, U.S. Pacific Command commander, Col. Ray Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander and Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle.

According to the Bush/Cheney '04 Web site, it was the first time in history a national candidate stopped in Hawaii so close to the election day. It was also a precedent setting opportunity for many bystanders to see both Air Force Two and the vice president.

"Seeing Vice President Cheney and having the opportunity to assist in his visit was an honor," said Staff Sgt. Nicole Jones, 15th Airlift Wing Protocol. "I think it's good for the people who like what he is about to have the opportunity to hear, first hand, what he has to say."

"Our success in the war on terror is made possible by the men and women of the United States military," said

Vice President Cheney during his speech at the convention center. "I want to thank the troops, the civilian personnel who support them, their families, and the veterans with us here today for all they have done for all of us."

The C-32 aircraft, a specially configured version of the Boeing 757-200, pulled up in front of base operations at 10:20 p.m. Halloween night. After waving from the top of the stairs Vice President Cheney and his wife were presented with leis from Malalapua, 8, and Puaena Pickard, 10. Then they took a few moments to speak with honored guests before departing Hickam for the Hawaii Convention Center.

The vice president boarded Air Force Two again at 12:15 a.m. departing first to Nevada then on to his home state, Wyoming, to watch the election results.

His time here might have been brief, but the base impression left will last awhile, said Colonel Torres.

"The vice president's stop once again highlighted the outstanding work and commitment to excellence in all we do that our air field operators, security forces and maintenance crews provide," said the colonel. "With short notice and the requirement to put together a perfect plan, Team Hickam once again shined as the Pacific mobility hub."

Anthrax suspended

Effective immediately, the Department of Defense Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program is suspended due to an injunction in federal court.

"The injunction did not question the safety and effectiveness of the anthrax vaccine or the immunization program in the DOD, it centered on FDA proce-

dural issues," said Lt. Col. William Beninati, 15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron commander. "DOD remains convinced the anthrax immunization program complies with all the legal requirements and the vaccine is safe and effective. We fully anticipate that vaccinations will resume in the near future."



A legacy to cherish

By General Paul Hester
Pacific Air Forces commander

The Fall colors painting America...the end of the World Series ... Thanksgiving and family gatherings close at hand ... **November 11th ... VETERANS' DAY!**

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 the end of World War I – 9:04 AM on 2 September 1945 ... Tokyo Bay aboard the Mighty Mo ... the end of World War II. These definitive days along with other days of less definition, mark an end to “their War” for so many Americans who gave of their youth to stand in “Harm’s Way” for all of us.

Son, daughter, cousin, husband, wife, mother, father, brother, sister ... so many names across so many families, yet their legions are known and simply remembered by us as ... **VETERANS!!**

Let us dedicate our eternal thanks ... our respect and our deepest appreciation to **ALL** who have served before and who serve our great Nation today in her Armed Forces. Our pride in the inheritance of yesterday’s sacrifices begets a commitment to pass to tomorrow’s generation **YOUR MEMORY ... YOUR LEGACY!!!**

May God always hold America’s Veterans in the shelter of his hands!!

Asking for help sign of maturity

By Erin Zagursky
435th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFPN) – With all my might, I shoved the giant mattress onto my box springs. I held my breath when I saw the momentum wasn’t enough and the monster was falling back toward me. As I was slowly being squashed by the mattress, I wondered why, oh why, hadn’t I asked anyone for help?

My neighbors are nice, and I knew they wouldn’t think twice about lending me a hand. I also have a lot of great co-workers who probably wouldn’t have minded helping. But when I had thought of asking for assistance earlier that day, something inside of me said, “Do it yourself.”

Now, as my socks slipped on the wooden floor and my squashing-by-mattress seemed imminent, I remembered the exact moment that little “do-it-yourself” voice came into being inside of me.

I was 16 and working at a local amusement park, selling drinks in plastic fruit-shaped

containers. It was the end of the day, and I waited at the bottom of a hill for my supervisor to help me push my drink cart up the incline.

I waited, and waited, and waited. Finally I decided I would find a way to do it myself. I took armloads of plastic fruits to the top of the hill until the cart was light enough for me to push on my own.

Since that day, I’ve been convinced there’s always a way to do things on my own. In fact, I’ve been quite proud of my “can-do” attitude. After all, isn’t self-sufficiency a desirable trait? A sign of maturity? An adjective to use in job interviews?

But it’s amazing how different the world looks from the underside of a mattress. Maybe all my do-it-yourself-ness over the years was more stubbornness and pride than self-sufficiency.

I still think that self-sufficiency is a sign of maturity, but now I also think knowing when to ask for help is one, too. I don’t just mean moving-furniture help. Everyone’s been stuck under some kind

of mattress at one time or another. Maybe you’re depressed, sick, or lonely, but you think you can handle your problems on your own.

The Air Force has resources for any kind of problems you might be facing, everything from debt and marriage counseling to the chaplains who will give you a shoulder to cry on or an ear to listen.

Maybe you’re reading this and thinking you honestly don’t need any kind of help. Then take a look around and find where you can give it, whether it’s volunteer work or just noticing a co-worker in need and lending a hand.

For those of you in leadership positions, don’t be like my amusement park supervisor and leave your people waiting around for you until they decide they’ll never ask for your help again.

Thankfully I was not completely squashed by my mattress that night, although my back still aches at the memory. I learned a valuable lesson as a near mattress sandwich.

Now, anyone want to help me change my oil?

Action Lines



Col. Ray Torres
15th Airlift Wing commander

The purpose of the Action Line is in its name – it’s your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. It also

allows you to recognize individuals who go “above and beyond” in their duties – and we all know there are plenty of those folks here. All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line, however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first crack at resolving problems or issues. It’s only fair to give our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander’s Action Line a call. If you want me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I’ll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

On base solicitations

Comment: I was calling concerning solicita-

tion on base. I was solicited by a Cub Scout, and have been solicited at least four other times from people knocking on my door during this year alone. I understood the policy was that on base solicitation wasn’t allowed and am very concerned we are allowing this to happen. Thank you.

Response: Base-affiliated scouting organizations, including Cub Scouts, are authorized to conduct door-to-door fundraising in Hickam housing areas. The child must be in uniform and must limit the fundraising activities to daylight hours. Like all fundraisers on Hickam, each fundraiser should be approved in advance. In order to be approved, each group must coordinate the fundraiser so the scouts from the same organization do not approach the same homes multiple times. If someone other than a uniformed scout is soliciting funds in base housing you have the option to contact security forces and report the unauthorized activity.

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Trick or Treat

Airman 1st Class Steven 'Tigger' Kilian, 15th Communications Squadron Halloween Safety Patrol volunteer, stops traffic for Sabrina Tester, son Ryan, and Staff Sgt. Daniel Tester, Pacific Air Forces during base Halloween festivities Sunday. Airman Kilian was one of the more than 60 Team Hickam safety volunteers augmenting 15th Security Force Squadron patrol members during base trick-or-treat hours.

Photo by Ed Foster

Knowledge key to prevent spread of West Nile Virus

By Senior Airman
Sarah Kinsman
Kukini Editor

While West Nile Virus is a problem in parts of the United States, Hawaii has never seen a case.

To keep the virus foreign to Hawaii shores, Team Hickam members should educate themselves about the potential danger.

The virus is spread when mosquitoes feed on infected birds and then bite a human.

"People should be aware of the risk of West Nile Virus," said Staff Sgt. Samantha Sigler, 15th Aerospace Dental Squadron. The virus has been detected in more than 700 humans in California, resulting in 22 deaths.

Everyone plays a role in preventing the spread of the virus.

"The easiest way to prevent the virus is to avoid mosquito bites by following prevention guidelines," said Sergeant Sigler. "An important measure in avoiding mosquitoes is to eliminate stagnant water around your home and work areas."

Other prevention measures include:

- When using recycle bins,

ensure it is emptied weekly. Maintain the bins under a carport or protective cover to prevent standing water from accumulating before recycle day.

- Empty standing water at least twice a week from flower pots, flower pot trays, buckets, barrels, bromeliad plants, pineapple lilies and rain gauges, or anything that can foster standing water. Change out pets' water bowls and birdbaths at least every other day.

- Remove trash and debris, such as soda cans, that can hold enough water to attract breeding of mosquitoes. Remove debris under trees and bushes.

- Remove or repair hollow bamboo or tree stumps, uncapped hollow tile walls and uncapped fence pipes.

- Ensure children's wading pools are drained and placed on their sides when not in use to eliminate standing water collection.

While the West Nile Virus is a disease found in many parts of the world, it cannot be spread from person to person, said Sergeant Sigler.

For more information about the virus and prevention measures, contact public health.

Health care offers 18 new plans

The Office of Personnel Management has announced new health care options that may provide better financial opportunities for employees.

Eighteen new High Deductible Health Plans will be offered by the Federal Employees Health Benefits program for 2005.

The new health plans, when used with a Health Savings Account or a Health Reimbursement Arrangement, may provide tax-advantaged savings for future medical expenses, said Maria Molly, Air Force Personnel Center Benefits and Entitlements chief.

Information regarding the new health plans can be found at www.opm.gov/hsa/intro.asp.

Employees will have the opportunity to review and update plans during the program's open season, Nov. 8 - Dec. 13.

"Open season is the best time for people to review their health care coverage – not only to make desired changes, but to ensure their plan hasn't been altered or discontinued," said Janet Thomas of the Benefits AFPC Entitlements Service team.

All Air Force-serviced civilian employees must make their open season changes by one of two methods:

- AFPC's Employee Benefits Information System Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST_GRB/EBIS.htm. Employees with self and family coverage or other insurance can use the BEST Web automated system to make their elections and avoid having to transfer to a counselor to complete their transaction. Another advantage of making the election via the Web is employees can print a copy of Standard Form 2809, their health benefits election form, as soon as they complete their election.

- The BEST automated phone system at (800) 616-3775. Hearing impaired employees may call the TDD line at (800) 382-0893. Benefits counselors are available weekdays, 3 a.m. - 2 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

For more information on FEHB programs, visit the BEST health insurance site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/fehb.htm. Links to the FEHB Guides and individual plan brochures will be placed on the Web site as they become available.

During this open season eligible employees may also enroll in the Flexible Spending Account program for calendar year 2005. There are two types of FSA accounts: the Health Care Flexible Spending Account and the Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account. FSA enrollment is conducted directly with SHPS, Inc., the third party program administrator, via the FSAFEDS Web site at www.fsafeds.com/fsafeds or by calling toll-free, (877) 372-3337, or TDD (800) 952-0450.

Employees eligible to enroll in the FEHB program, even if not currently enrolled, are eligible to participate in the FSA Program. However, employees who enroll in one of the new high deductible health plans and are eligible for a Health Savings Account may not have a Health Care FSA account.

All employees with qualified dependents may enroll in a Dependent Care FSA except temporary employees with no fixed work scheduled whose tour of duty is six months or less. Additional information regarding the FSA program is available on the BEST Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/fsa.htm. (Information courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)

A home of their own

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
Kukini Managing Editor

Editor's note: November is National Adoption Month. The following is the story of the adoption process for one Team Hickam family. Hawaii's adoptive policies and requirements will be detailed in the Nov. 17 Kukini.

The Baumgarts' road to adoption included serving as party members at a wedding and the Air Force assignment system.

Then-Airman 1st Class Jeff Baumgart served at Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota. As a groomsman at a wedding, he caught the eye of the bride's maid of honor and sister, Jaleen, during a 1991 wedding ceremony.

By next August, they had a matrimonial ceremony all their own.

Their first move as a couple sent them to Osan Air Base, Korea. While there, they often visited local orphanages with gifts of candy and their time.

"There was something about those children that stuck with us," Mrs. Baumgart said. Those visits planted the seed of adoption.

By 1995, while living back at Ellsworth, the couple had their first son Austin. A few years later a younger brother Peyton was born while stationed at Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

Still, the memories of Korean orphanages never left their minds. They wanted to adopt, but they had concerns about the health and history of a prospective child. They also wondered if any adopted child would be a good fit to their family.

All those concerns washed away during a college course attended by Lieutenant Baumgart in 2000. A social worker came to his family marriage class and spoke about foster care. "She mentioned how many children grow up never knowing the comfort of a family or having a home to call their own," he remembered.



Photo by Ed Foster

1st Lt. Jeff Baumgart, 15th Mission Support Squadron, and daughter Kiana jump out to the lead over the rest of the Baumgart family during Halloween trick-or-treat Sunday.

It was a crystallizing moment. "We knew because of the love we have for our sons, and how much they need us, it would be sad for a child to grow up without a family.

"We want to make a difference, one life at a time," the 15th Mission Support Squadron company grade officer continued.

The adoption service placed their first daughter, Kiana, in their home in foster care status until the formal process could run its course, according to child protective services officials.

The Baumgarts' were a perfect fit as adoptive parents, according to Amy West, Hawaii CPS office.

"You could feel the warmth they felt toward Kiana right away," Ms. West said.

Recently a second daughter, Madelyn, joined the

Baumgart family.

"The day our girls came into our home was as joyful as the day I gave birth to our sons. All are equally precious to us," Mrs. Baumgart said. "I tell Kiana she was born not from my tummy but from my heart.

"The bond was immediate."

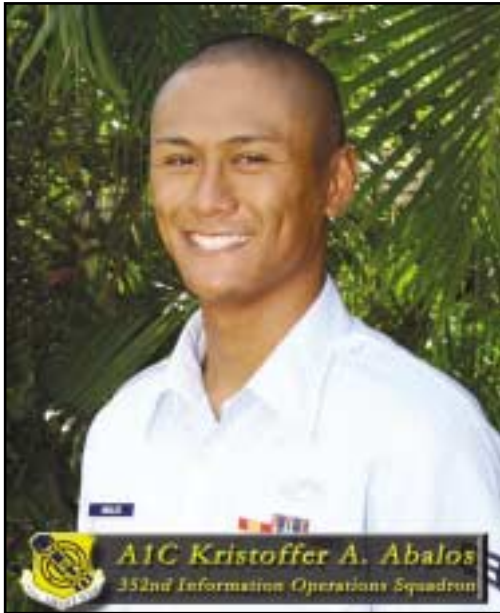
The parents aren't the only ones to think so.

Big brother Austin takes the over watch approach. "They are great little sisters," he said.

As for Peyton, he's just happy to have more partners in crime. "I like adopting because we get to have more kids and more fun."

"Ohana' means family, and family means no one gets left behind or forgotten" - Lilo and Stitch.

For more information on Hawaii's adoption requirements, contact the state CPS at 832-5177.



Airman of the Quarter

Airman Abalos filled the noncommissioned officer in charge's position during his three-week absence, supervising 22 Airmen. He also conducted two uniform inspections for his flight ensuring the base inspection found no discrepancies.



NCO of the Quarter

Sergeant Lam streamlined the archive of tropical cyclone forecasting aids and exploited automation technology saving 180 man hours. He also helped create tropical cyclone training for the Australian Meteorology Service.



Senior NCO of the Quarter

Sergeant Turnbull, Det. 15, Air Force Research Laboratory guided the successful design of a \$1.6 million dome replacement. He also completed all the requirements for his Community College of the Air Force degree with a 4.0 grade point average.



CGO of the Quarter

Captain Keske provided airtight security for transient inmates prosecuted for mistreating Iraqi prisoners at Abu Ghraib Prison. He commanded and built the 891st Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron from the ground up.



Team Hickam Quarterly Award Winners

Photos by Mark Bates



Volunteer of the Quarter

Sergeant Bridges assisted Hickam Top Three with the Senior NCO induction seminar, assisted with the setup and cleanup for the 715th Air Mobility Group dinner and made donations totaling more than \$500 to several local organizations.



Civilian of the Quarter, Category I

Ms. Nystrom created the Midnight Madness program and motivated self-help patron's interest. She also instructed basic framing classes with feedback from students, "I took her class and had a blast."



Civilian of the Quarter, Category II

Ms. Mickle developed 250 training and education plans for all non-appropriated funds positions and standardized annual ancillary training presentations, eliminating redundant efforts by 27 activity managers.



Civilian of the Quarter, Category III

Ms. Meyer held two jobs at once, housing analyst and integration chief. She also eliminated a \$4.4 million housing drayage shortfall and collected education materials for school-age children during Operation Iraqi Child.



Photo by Senior Airman Nicholas Franda

Airman 1st Class John Dowd, 25th Expeditionary Air Support Operations Squadron, keeps his eyes focused for any possible danger at a deployed location in Iraq. Airman Dowd is stationed at Wheeler Army Air Field.

Combat-Airmen eclipse one million convoy miles

By Staff Sgt. Ryan Hansen
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BALAD Air Base, Iraq – The convoy escorts of the 732nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron rolled over an impressive milestone this past week. The Combat-Airmen clipped one million miles driven for missions throughout Iraq.

“From my standpoint, it’s a tremendous milestone,” said Col. Eric Pohland, 732nd Expeditionary Mission Support Group commander, who is deployed from Moody Air Force Base, Ga. “It’s a milestone that marks success in a mission, dedication to a mission and a level of effort that the United States Air Force has provided the United States Army.”

This mind-boggling number not only tells us how much our Combat-Soldiers are hitting the pavement, but it also shows us just how often they are hitting it.

“We only assumed this mission in March,” said Chief Master Sgt. Kory Tytus, 732nd EMSG, who is deployed from Hickam AFB. “So you’re looking at just seven or eight months worth of driving. So to do this in that amount of time is impressive.”

The 732nd ELRS has three detachments that contributed to this historic milestone. One detachment is in Mosul, one is in Tikrit and one is here in Balad. However, Colonel Pohland is not even sure many in the group know they accomplished such a feat.

“One million miles of line haul is a tremendous amount of work,” he said. “Truthfully though, I think the troops are so focused and dedicated to the mission that that number has



Photo by Staff Sgt. Ryan Hansen

Chief Master Sgt. Kory Tytus, 732nd Expeditionary Mission Support Group, listens to Airman 1st Class Rebecka Buchanon, 732nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron Detachment 2632, explains her job on the up-armored gun truck. Chief Tytus is deployed from Pacific Air Forces Transportation at Hickam.

frankly snuck up on them. They don’t care about one million miles, they care about executing their mission every single day.”

“I think it’s more of a milestone for outsiders,” he continued, “rather than a milestone for the troops.”

This group of about 500 Combat-Airmen are just the second rotation of troops to work this mission with the Army. Before deploying here they must go through training at Camp

Bullis, Texas, and Fort Hood, Texas before they head to their final stage of training at the Udari Range in Kuwait. Once in place, their rotations last six months.

If the Army was hesitant at first with trusting Airmen to such an important mission, their performance has only shown they are more than capable of pulling it off.

“I think we’ve surprised them and the feedback has been tremendous

about how the Air Force has stepped up to the plate and executed its mission,” Colonel Pohland said. “There have been no hiccups.”

And others have taken notice as well.

“Contractors are actually asking for Air Force escorts,” Sergeant Deane said. “Because our guys are professional, they get the job done and they know how important their mission is.”

Hickam History

Airlift low priority in early years of military aviation

By Steve Diamond
15th Airlift Wing History office

Editor’s note: This is the first of three stories in a *Hickam aircraft history series*.

Nowadays we tend to take for granted the importance of airlift in the Air Force. During the early

years of American military aviation, however, airlift was a low priority, unappreciated and largely neglected. When the U.S. entered World War II, America had few airlift pilots or aircraft, and had to rely on civilian airlines to fly intercontinental routes to overseas combat zones.

When America was drawn into the war Dec. 7, 1941, the Air Corps Ferrying Command was the only U.S. military transport group, and it had only 2,800 members and 20 aircraft assigned. War revealed the need for robust airlift, and within a few years the Air Transport Command had grown to 227,000 personnel operating a fleet of 3,090 aircraft.

During the war, Hickam Field saw hundreds of cargo aircraft, such as the C-39 (the first cargo transport at Hickam), C-46 Commando, C-47 Skytrain, and C-54 Skymaster. Each of these aircraft was adapted from commercial airliners for military service. The C-47, nicknamed “Gooney Bird,” was the backbone of airlift in its day. General Dwight Eisenhower credited the C-47 — along with the jeep, the bazooka and the atomic bomb — as key to winning World War II. America’s military services bought more



Courtesy photo

Hickam’s earliest airlifter, a C-39, in front of Hangar 5 around 1940.



Courtesy photo

At Hickam a C-47 off loads wounded members evacuated from the Pacific theater in 1942.

than 10,000 C-47s during WWII.

In the Pacific theater of the war, Gooney Birds not only delivered personnel and equipment but also took on a new mission — aeromedical evacuation. By January 1942, C-47s had transported more than 10,000 casualties from Burma, New Guinea and Guadalcanal. At its peak, aeromedical planes were evacuating the sick and wounded at a rate of almost 100,000 per month. Many C-47s arrived at Hickam carrying patients on their way to Tripler Hospital. General Eisenhower later remarked that the innovation of aeromedical evacuation, together with sulfa drugs, penicillin and blood plasma, “unquestionably saved ... thousands of lives.” Sturdy, dependable old “Gooney Birds” continued to fly through both the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Hickam Friends make donations to Airmen

By Bette Kalohi
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

When Outrigger Hotel renovated some of its rooms recently, there were a lot of nice TV sets that were going to be replaced with new ones. The older TV sets needed a home and Mildred Courtney knew exactly where she wanted them to go.

"The Airmen's Attic is one of my favorite places to donate items to," said Ms. Courtney, military liaison for Outrigger and Ohana Resorts and Hotels. "Hickam Airmen can always use household items, especially when they first arrive at the base. We have things in good condition that need to be moved along when we upgrade our rooms."

In the past, Outrigger has donated numerous other items such as framed artwork, furniture and books to the Airmen's Attic and to the Family Support Center. Also donated were beach balls, toys and games to the Family Support Center.

"The Attic is a private organization that supports E-5 personnel and below," said Anna Dougherty, acting manager of Airman's Attic. "However, once a month, we do open the Airmen's Attic to all enlisted personnel."

The first Tuesday of the month is

designated "All Enlisted Day" and is opened to any enlisted person.

Other companies have also donated items that are used but in good condition, to the base. Newton Wong, a Friend of Hickam who works for the Radisson Prince Kuhio Hotel, learned his company had about 100 nice waste baskets they no longer needed.

"We have to move quickly when the hotel is renovated," Mr. Wong said. "I contacted Command Chief James LeVack to see if there was a need at Hickam for these items."

"We always have a need for things like this," said the Chief. "We greatly appreciate what our Friends of Hickam do for our military. It's tough for many of our young troops to make ends meet so these donations are a great help!"

The Friends of Hickam, Inc., are a dedicated group of civic leaders whose mission is to support our Hickam military and their families. Since before 1994 this private, non-profit organization, has provided much needed supplies, moral support and funds for our troops deployed overseas as well as for the families and those stationed on Hickam.

Past Friends of Hickam projects include funding, building and landscaping the Airmen's dining hall patio, funding, building and landscaping the



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey

(From left) Airmen 1st Class Jolene Lockwood and Sara Jordan, 324th Intelligence Squadron, Col. Ray Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander, Mildred Courtney, Outrigger and Ohana Resorts and Hotel, Airman 1st Class Jason White, 15th Communication Squadron, and Chief Master Sgt. James LeVack, 15th AW command chief, helped accept televisions donated from Ms. Courtney's organization to the Airmen's Attic.

barbeque picnic areas in the enlisted dorms area, bringing a luau to the dorm residents and furnishing the first term Airmen's center. They have purchased picnic tables for the newly rebuilt Super Playground, funded

portable bleachers for the new softball field and they fund the monthly Aloha Ohana Newcomers Orientation bus tour of Oahu for all incoming military and civilian personnel and their families.



News Notes

Employed Women organization is sponsoring a brown bag lunch today, 11 a.m. to noon at the Hickam Community Center. It will feature Beth Terry of Pacific Rims talking about dealing with difficult people.

Craft fair – Hickam's 29th Annual Fall Craft Fair is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Volunteers needed – Hickam is sponsoring an adopt-a-stream cleanup effort Saturday. Volunteers will meet at 7 a.m. in the Burger King parking lot and will return around noon. Participants should plan on driving their own vehicles or carpool with other volunteers. Maps, gloves and trash bags will be provided. Children 12 to 18 years old are also allowed to participate.

Investments – An "investing made simple" workshop is scheduled for Tuesday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. and another "intermediate investing" is scheduled for Nov. 16 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the family support center. The maximum seating capacity is 25 people.

Promotion celebration – The chief master sergeants of Hawaii are hosting a celebration for Team Hickam's newest chief master sergeant selects Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. All of Team Hickam are invited.

Commissary holiday hours – The Hickam Commissary will be open Nov. 11 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The mini com will be closed in honor of Veteran's

Day.

HOSC function – The Hickam Officers' Spouses' Club will play basket bingo during their function Nov. 16. The social begins at 9:30 a.m. and bingo starts at 10 a.m. Attendees wearing Aloha attire will receive an extra bingo card and a grand prize ticket. Brunch will be served. The cost is \$8.40. The program is a membership appreciation function only for HOSC members in good standing. Reservations must be made by noon Nov. 12. Permanent reservations apply. The HOSC is a private organization. It is not a part of the Department of Defense or any of its components and it has no governmental status.

Fall fun and craft fair – The Radford High School student council is sponsoring the 10th Annual Fall Fun and Craft Fair Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the high school. Vendors booths are available for \$40.

ROTC Scholarships – Applications for the Air Force ROTC College Scholarship Program may now be submitted online. For applications and instructions, go to www.AFROTC.com. The application deadline is Dec. 1.

Gift certificates – Commissary shoppers can pick up gift certificates at the customer service office in the commissary. The certificates are available in one denomination of \$25 and a \$1 handling fee will be charged per certificate. The certificates can be used in any commissary worldwide. This program is an expansion of the certi-

fichecks program at <http://www.commissaries.com>.

Cookie caper – Volunteers are needed to help more than 650 Team-Hickam dorm residents get a taste of home during the holiday season. Every year, volunteers come together to bake holiday cookies for Airmen in the dorms. The cookies can be dropped off at the Daedalian Room in the officers' club Dec. 6 from 6:30 to 9 a.m. Volunteers are also needed to wrap the cookie care packages.

University of Oklahoma – The University of Oklahoma offers a Master of Arts in managerial economics and a Master of Public Administration. The non-thesis programs can be completed in about 18 months.

Position available – The Hickam Family Support Center is seeking a Family Readiness noncommissioned officer in the grade of technical sergeant. The report date is March 1, 2005. People interested in applying for this position, should advise their supervisor/commander.

Spouses to teachers – The Department of Defense has tasked the Defense Activity Non-traditional Education Services to develop and manage a new pilot program to help spouses begin careers as teachers. The new program began recently in California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Texas and Virginia. Eligible spouses include spouses of active duty members, selected Reserve and National Guard and Individual Ready Reserve members recalled to active duty.

Road closure – One half lane of Julian Avenue is closed between Monthan Street and Julian Way. One half lane is also closed on Julian Way between Julian Avenue and the Hickam Preschool parking area. The road closures are for sanitary sewer and water installation work. The channel side of the street is closed from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. When work is in progress, no parking will be available along the street. The work is expected to continue until Dec. 17.

Black and white ball – The Daniel "Chappie" James Jr. Prince Hall Masonic Lodge is hosting a black and white ball today in the Hickam Enlisted Club at 6 p.m. The event is open to everyone. Attire is formal/semi-formal. Tickets cost \$25 per person.

Brown bag – The Federal

Around the Air Force



Editor's Note: For the complete stories and more go to Air Force news at <http://www.af.mil>.

Leaders unveil updated utility uniform colors, pattern

WASHINGTON – Responding to Airmen's feedback, Air Force leaders unveiled an alternative utility uniform color scheme and pattern Nov. 2 as part of the ongoing wear-test that was announced in August 2003.

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray are now wearing the latest test version of the utility uniform during visits to Airmen serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The most striking change in this version is the switch from a deep blue, gray and green color scheme to a more subdued mix of tan, blue and two shades of green. And the tiger-stripe pattern is now pixilated.

More than 700 people at 32 installations are wear-testing the first test uniform. These Airmen participated in scientific surveys and focus groups. Their feedback was instrumental in making these most recent adjustments. The original plan called for only 300 testers, but uniform board officials decided to increase the number of testers to get more exposure and collect more test data. A select group will test the newest version.

"Ninety-one percent of the Airmen responded in favor of a distinctive Air Force utility uniform," Chief Murray said. "Airmen take great pride in serving in America's Air Force. Having a distinct uniform that presents a professional appearance to the public and our sister services, when we are at home station or deployed, is important"

In January 2005, the uniform board will standardize the pattern, material and specifications and deliver the results to the Defense Logistics Agency for production. Normal production to delivery time can take 18 to 24 months. (Story by Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski, Air Force Print News)

CSAF discusses transformation

DALLAS (AFPN) – Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper addressed thousands of troops as the final keynote speaker at the Airlift/Tanker Association Symposium here Oct. 30.

"We, as Airmen, face what can only be described as a distinctly different future from anything that we've experienced before," he said. "Some call this transformation, but what we are doing is changing ourselves in response to what we see as 'facts of life.'"

Many of these changes have "been happening



All clear

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Senior Airman Terrell Lewis (left) ensures his rifle is clear of ammunition before Airman 1st Class Sara Erickson loads a clip into it. They are assigned to the 386th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron at a forward-deployed location and are from Ramstein Air Base, Germany. The 386th ESFS Airmen are responsible for air base ground defense and security for the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing.

Air Force Photo by Capt. Aaron Burgstein

for some time," he said.

"I remember back in 1995 ... I briefed a thing called the air expeditionary force," he said. "It is a way we figured we might be able to respond ... more agilely to the rapidly changing events of the world."

In closing, the general said servicemembers should be proud of their service and the job they do everyday.

"When you look in the mirror, be proud of what you see," he said. "You're wearing the uniform of your nation. Nothing you are doing can be more important to you, your family or the nation than what you're doing today." (Story by Senior Airman Deanna McClay, Air Mobility Command Public Affairs)

Airmen visit Rwanda memorial

KIGALI, Rwanda – On Oct. 30 a C-130 Hercules sat unceremoniously on the tarmac of Kigali International Airport here, waiting for the arrival of Rwandan troops.

For the American Airmen here, the mission was clear: deliver Rwandan troops and equipment to Al-Fashir, Sudan, where they would join other African Union troops in mitigating the humanitarian crisis in the country's Darfur region.

The mission may have been clear and simple for the Americans involved, but as the Airmen quickly realized, the Rwandans did not view the U.S. Air Force's airlift to Darfur as just another day at work.

The Rwandan troops carried more than their rifles as they entered the belly of the C-130. Their faces seemed to carry with them the concerns of a country that only 10 years ago experienced the horror of genocide.

At the genocide memorial, the sight of bones and skulls preserved on shelves told haunting stories of Rwanda's darkest hour.

While the Airmen toured the multistory memorial building, on the other side of town

Rwandan soldiers prepared to deploy to Darfur, where United Nations officials say the worse humanitarian crisis in the world today continues. (Story by Capt. Heather Healy, 322nd Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs)

Officials stress mail policy

WASHINGTON – Department of Defense officials announced the continued suspension of the "Any Servicemember" mail program Tuesday. Accordingly, the general public is urged not to send unsolicited mail, care packages or donations to servicemembers during the holiday season.

During this time of the year, the number of donation programs increases and causes mail from families and friends to be mixed with mail from unknown sources resulting in delivery delays.

DOD officials continue to emphasize that names and addresses of military servicemembers must not be distributed by the media, Web sites, companies, nonprofit organizations, schools and individuals for the purpose of collecting letters of support or donations for mailing to servicemembers.

Servicemembers should receive mail only from those friends and family to whom they personally give their address.

Military addresses should not be passed around by family members for use by donation programs. Unknown mailers could then obtain those addresses and mail harmful items to servicemembers.

For these reasons, DOD continues to indefinitely suspend general donation programs from unknown mailers.

Americans who do not have loved ones deployed overseas can still show support during the holidays by other means.

A list of these programs is available at www.defendamerica.mil.

To guarantee mail arrives in time for end-of-year holidays, family members are encouraged to view the mailing guidelines at www.usps.com/cpim/ftp/bulletin/2004/pb22138.pdf.



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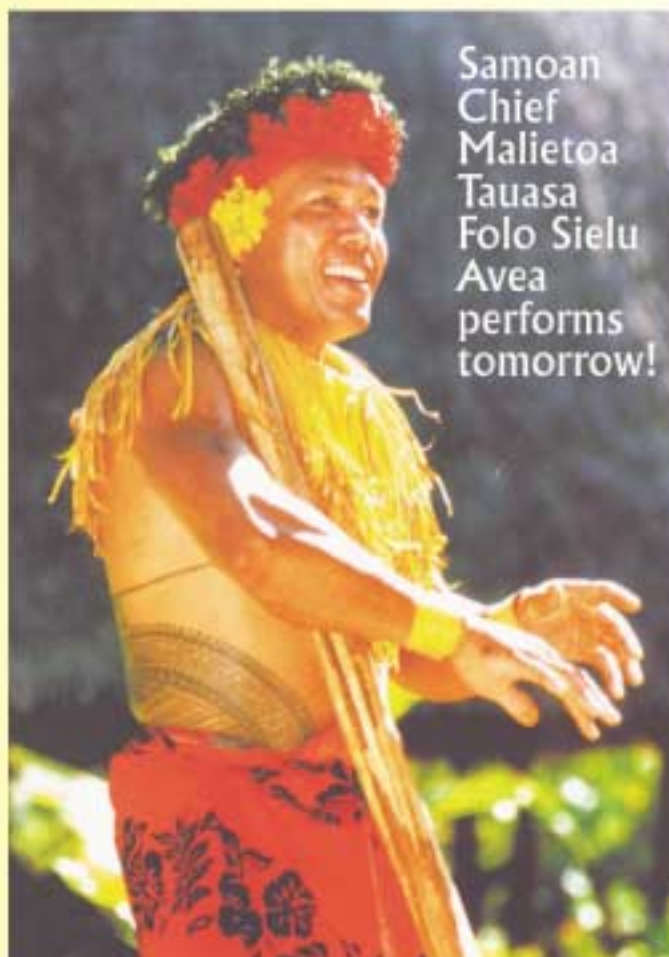
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NOTICE FROM THE HICKAM CLUBS

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Your generous support in the form of Club dues enables us to continue the proud tradition of Air Force Clubs. We ask for your continued support as we raise fees this coming January to cover costs associated with recent facility renovations (\$9.5 million Enlisted Club & J.R. Rockers and \$1 million Wilbur & Orville's Wright Bros. Cafe & Grille renovation), cost of living wage increases and supply increases. Your Club stands ready to serve, ready to be a good steward of your membership dues and ready to be proactive in delivering the products and programs you desire. Mahalo Club Members!

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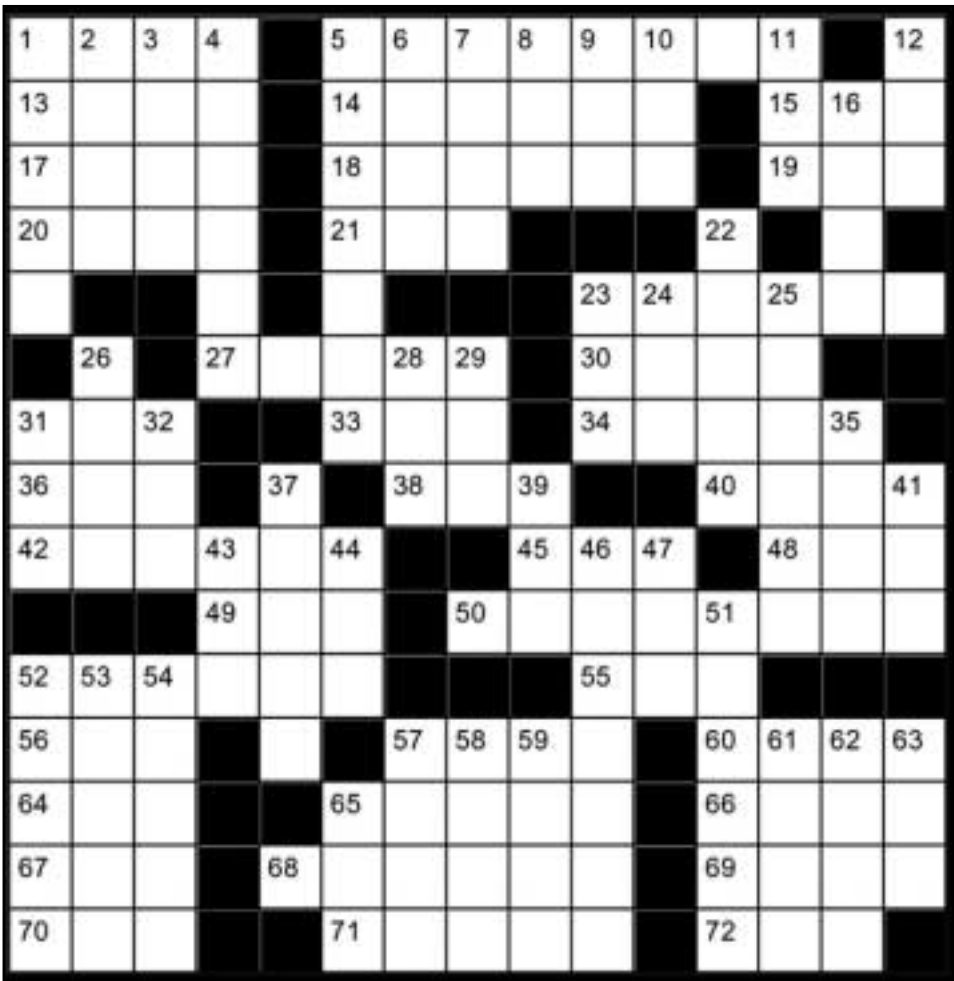
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Crossword puzzle: Native American History Month

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

- ACROSS**
1. Navajo Indians performed this talking during WWII
5. Ben Nighthorse ____; Native American senator
13. Fibber
14. Disney's ____ & Company
15. Army commissioning source
17. ____ mater
18. Textile dealer
19. Draft
20. Barley and buckwheat
21. A Stooge
23. Native American tribe of Southwest
27. Mars
30. Site of a leaning tower?
31. Commotion
33. Morgue status, in brief?
34. Kingdom
36. Body of water
38. Flightless bird
40. in ____ of; instead of
42. Chickasaw awarded Medal of Honor for action in Korean War
45. Mai ____ drink
48. Fox rival
49. Anger
50. Winnebago awarded Medal of Honor for action in Korea
52. ____ corpus
55. Fed. organization concerned with drug trade
56. Pie ____ mode (2 words)
57. Columbian river
60. Part of a ship
64. Desire
65. Agenda
66. Gumbo need?
67. Before, in the old days
68. ____ Childers; Native American awarded Medal of Honor--WWII
69. Earl Grey and green
70. Space shuttle, in brief
71. Irish poet
72. Jingles

- DOWN**
1. First Native American to graduate from Naval Academy
2. Greasy
3. Lady
4. Deleted
5. Direct, as in troops
6. A summer sign?
7. Swampy land
8. Plumbing pipe, in short
9. Something in a bonnet?
10. Mistake
11. Group
12. Cleopatra killer?
16. Moolah
22. A type of passage?
23. Spring mon.
24. Dessert
25. Type of cat?
26. Thought
28. Part of a foot
29. Penn movie, "I Am ____"
31. Burn residue
32. Rowing need?
35. Restaurant list
37. Beastly
39. Native American tribe of Southwest
41. German conjunction?
43. Compete
44. Vote in favor
46. Abusers
47. Beverage need?
51. Native American tribe of Plains
52. Pima Indian who raised flag over Mt. Surabachi
53. Warn
54. Ruins
57. Cylinder



58. What the princess had in her mattress?
59. Lean, like on ship
61. ____ a living; got by
62. Epochs
63. ____ Vegas
65. Attempt

See SOLUTIONS on Page 32

Team Hickam History

The Air Force's most historic airfield



Nov. 10, 1899 – By presidential order, the Territory of Hawaii grant land to the United States along the eastern shore of Honolulu Harbor in order to establish a “naval reservation.” The first U.S. naval station was established there in 1900.

Nov. 11, 1922 – Wheeler Field, now known as Wheeler Army Air Field, was dedicated and named in memory of Major Sheldon H. Wheeler, former Commander of Luke Field, who died in a plane crash at Luke on July 13, 1921.

Nov. 5, 1934 – Lt. Col. Horace Meek Hickam, a distinguished aviation pioneer, was killed when his Curtiss A-12 open-cockpit aircraft struck an obstruction during night landing practice on the unlighted field at Fort Crockett in Galveston, Texas. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Six months later, Hickam Field in Hawaii was dedicated and named in his honor.

Nov. 9, 1940 – Brig. Gen. Jacob Rudolph became base commander of Hickam Field.



Courtesy photo
The Prince and Princess of Wales arrived at Hickam Nov. 8, 1985 and left that evening on their four-day visit to the United States.

Nov. 5, 1944 – Lt. Col. Arthur Kingham became base commander of Hickam AFB.

Nov. 9, 1979 – Captain David Bergquist assumed command of the 15th Organizational Maintenance Squadron.

Nov. 10, 1983 – A leak in the Military Airlift Command ramp area caused a fuel spill, which killed fish in the Kumumauu Canal at Hickam.

Nov. 8, 1985 – Their Royal Highnesses The Prince and Princess of Wales arrived at Hickam, spent the day in Hawaii, then left the same evening from Hickam, proceeding to Washington, D.C., on their four-day formal visit to the United States. The royal pair spent most of the day at the Kahala beach home of Joseph Ridder. Prince Charles slipped away for approximately 15 minutes of body surfing at Sandy Beach in the afternoon, and was later joined by his wife for a brief personal appearance at the Kahala Hilton Hotel.

Nov. 10, 1999 – Lt. Col. Thomas Phikipkosky took command of the 65th Airlift Squadron and replaced Lt. Col. John Elder.

Nov. 6, 2000 – The Memorial Theater on Hickam was packed to capacity as 15th Air Base Wing personnel gathered to hear how Pacific Air Forces inspectors rated them during the Unit Compliance Inspection.

Native American History

This week's crossword answers

C	O	D	E		C	A	M	P	B	E	L	L		A
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Chapel

Editor's note: For more information on Base Chapel services or for prayer requests call the Chapel Center at 449-1754 or Nelles Chapel at 449-6562.

Protestant

Nelles Chapel
Sunday contemporary service – 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Worship – 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Praise Gathering – 5:30 p.m.
Chapel Center
Sunday traditional – 8:30 a.m.

Jewish

Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor – 473-0050
Jewish Lay Leader – Mr. David Bender – 527-5877

Catholic

Naval Station Chapel – 473-3971
Nelles Chapel
Weekday Mass – 11:30 a.m.
Saturday confessions – 4:15 p.m.
Saturday Mass – 5 p.m.
Chapel Center
Sunday Mass – 10 a.m.

Islamic

Friday congregational service (1935 Aleo Place, Punahou) – 1 p.m.
Muslim Association of Hawaii, 947-6263.

Buddhist

Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin A Shin Buddhist Temple – 536-7044.

At the Movies

Today, Saturday and Sunday - 7 p.m.
“Resident Evil Apocalypse” – Alice, the only surviving member of the elite military force that attempted to keep the zombies confined to the underground facility, finds herself teaming up with Jill Valentine and others to stop the zombies from spreading outside of Raccoon City, which has been all but obliterated by the creatures. To make matters worse, there is a creature named Nemesis hunting them.
Starring Milla Jovovich and Jared Harris. Rated R (non-stop violence, language and some nudity).

Saturday and Sunday - 7 p.m.
“The Forgotten” – Telly is tormented by the memory of her eight-year-old son’s death in a plane crash 14 months ago. While trying to work through her grief, she is informed by her psychiatrist that she is suffering from delusions, that her son never existed and she is fabricating his memories. She’s convinced she’s going mad until she meets another patient, Ash, with the same situation. Together they embark on a search to prove the existence of their children and reclaim their sanity. Starring Julianne Moore and Dominic West. Rated PG-13 (intense thematic material, some violence and brief language).

Hiking offers fitness, fun with varying workout

By Capt. Christine L. Kunz
Airman magazine

The sky is clear blue, and there's not a cloud around. The only sound is chirping birds. And the temperature outside is not too hot, not too cold. On a day like this, why would anyone exercise inside as well?

This year there's more of an emphasis on getting fit and remaining fit, and one of the key components of maintaining a regular exercise regime is varying your workouts. Instead of going to the base gym every day, why not exercise in the great outdoors? Join the more than 70 million others who have found that hiking not only improves fitness, but also gives them a fun experience.

"There is beauty everywhere," said Ed Talone, a trail instructor with the American Hiking Society. "Every state is different, and no two hikes are ever the same."

According to the American Hiking

Society, hiking usually refers to "extended walks in the natural world — in the mountains or wilderness." But with a growing system of trails, more Americans can hike near their homes. There are two basic categories of hikes: day hikes, which are close to home and require little equipment, and extended overnight hikes, which need more experience, preparation and equipment.

"The easiest part about hiking is the freedom to do it anytime and almost anywhere," said Capt. Maiya Kraus, bioenvironmental engineer at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. "Hiking is a lifetime sport and something you can enjoy for the rest of your life."

Outdoor recreation centers on every Air Force base offer equipment rentals, items to purchase and information pertaining to outdoor activities. You may find a few things there to start your first hike.

However, Mr. Talone recommends contacting a local area hiking group

“ For a 170-pound person, a half-hour of hiking will likely burn 245 calories. ”

Capt. Cliff Moore,
health promotion manager
for the Health and Wellness Center
at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas

before setting off on a hike to find possible companions and to learn your hiking areas' level of difficulty.

"Local groups tend to do gentle, beginning hikes, and most of the people there are not experts but ordinary people starting out as well," he said. "There will always be someone in a group who fits your style of hiking. All you have to

do is pick up the local weekend newspapers to find them."

The amount of exercise generated from a hike depends on the type of hike and terrain. A two-day overnight backpack trip with a 25-pound pack will certainly burn more calories than a 5-mile roundtrip hike on a nature trail.

"The minute you start walking, you're a hiker," Mr. Talone said. "You just need to like walking and go do it."

So next time the sun is shining and the birds are calling, go outside to broaden your exercise routine.

"Hiking transcends the drudgery of exercise by providing a constant distraction. You'll have sights to see, routes to find and birds to watch," said Maj. Derek Varble, assistant professor of history at the Air Force Academy who has been hiking since 1975. "Your workout becomes fun rather than a chore." (*Courtesy of Air Force Print News*)

Team Hickam Pick 'Em



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66-54

Team Roster	Cards vs Miami	Eagles vs Steelers	'Skins vs. Lions	Texans vs. Broncos	Vikings vs. Colts	RECORDS	
						Last week	To date
Col. Ray Torres 15th AW/CC	Miami	Steelers	Lions	Broncos	Colts	3-2	20-20
Lt. Col. Denise Hollywood 15th SVS/CC	Cards	Eagles	'Skins	Texans	Vikings	3-2	19-21
Capt. Nate Chine Det. 1, 15 MSG/CC	Miami	Eagles	Lions	Broncos	Colts	2-3	27-13
Chief Master Sgt. Glenn Bernier PACAF/SVS	Cards	Steelers	Lions	Broncos	Colts	3-2	26-14
Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey 15th AW/PAI	Cards	Steelers	Lions	Texans	Vikings	4-1	21-19
Staff Sgt. Toni Schmidt 15th CONS/LGVCZ	Miami	Eagles	Lions	Broncos	Colts	2-3	23-17


TEAM HICKAM NFL CHALLENGE


On every given Sunday *Teams find little separation so far*

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
Kukini Managing Editor

After two teams of three players each picking 40 games during the last eight weeks, a total of four correct picks separate the enlisted and commissioned teams.

Every week, different teams, same results.

It wasn't like I didn't try to stack the deck in our favor.

When we decided on the team format – two men, one woman, from each of the different rank tiers, a plan was immediately hatched.

Col. Ray Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander, who has only a self-professed passing interest in the NFL, was an easy choice.

For the field grade slot, the selection was also easy. Lt. Col. Denise Hollywood, 15th Services commander, who made her first week's picks based on, I only wish I was making this up, among other things the town in which she owned a house, the town with the best weather, and the team located where she had a dear friend.

For the record, she went 2-3.

On the enlisted side, we have Chief Master Sgt. Glenn Bernier, Pacific Air Forces Services



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and Staff Sgt. Toni Schmidt, 15th Contracting Squadron, someone I knew to have educated and

frequently vocal opinions on all things sports.

Two things I hadn't counted on – my inability to get past sentimental choices in during the early weeks and the white-hot start of Capt. Nate Chine, Detachment 1, 15th Mission Support Group commander. The opposite levels of our success made this experiment a lot closer than it needed to be.

Why is it so important to be successful? Thanks to the good folks at 15th SVS, some cool prizes have been offered, and who is eligible to compete for them is based on the rank structure of the winning team.

At this year's Superbowl celebration at J.R. Rockers, door prizes will be given out at the start of the game and the end of the first quarter.

Then at half time, the grand prize, two tickets to this year's Pro Bowl, will be awarded. But to be eligible, you have to be a club member of the respective team that won the competition.

In other words, should the E-team lead hold up, only enlisted club members at the celebration will be eligible for the prizes awarded.

If you aren't a member already, now is the best time to go ahead and 'get in the game' for a chance to go to the Pro Bowl game.

352nd IOS squashes 15th SVS in championship

By Senior Airman Sarah Kinsman
Kukini Editor

The 352nd Information Operations Squadron went through the Over-30 intramural basketball season the easy way, entering the playoffs undefeated.

They made the run to the base championship the hard way, going into the loser's bracket during the playoff's opening round. That made their eventual back-to-back victories over winner's bracket squad 15th Services Squadron for the base championship all the more impressive, said John Phillips, 15th SVS coach.

"The 352nd had to beat us twice to win the championship," said Phillips. "Hats off to them. They had depth and some good ball players. I couldn't think of a better team to win the base championship, besides us."

The first game's first half ended with 352nd on top, 23-15. They were led by Sharrod Brown with seven points.

The 352nd worked as a team throughout the game and came out on top at 41-36. Brown ended up with 16 points, and SVS' Clayton McCord had half of his teams 36 points in the losing effort.

The win earned the 352nd the right to play SVS straight up for the championship, and the game got a little personal.

SVS' player and base fitness center staff member Mike Hindman kept 'jawing', said Nate Stephens, 352nd leading scorer during the regular season.

"I own this gym, you just work here," Stephens said to Hindman, and in the second game. He set out to prove it.

The second game saw 352nd shooting lights out, building a 17 point



Photos by Mark Bates

Holland Cunningham, 15th Services Squadron, dribbles and attempts to pass Sherrod Brown and Greg Gillinger, 352nd Information Operations Squadron, during the Over-30 Basketball championship game Monday. The 352nd won both games, earning the championship title.

lead by halftime, led by Stephens who drained 14 points by intermission.

The 15th SVS came out in the second half with 8 straight points, clawing their way back to a single-digit deficit, before Stephens took over the

second half, pumping in another 15 points, including three from long range.

The officials called the game with three minutes left because of the mercy rule, with 352nd defeating SVS 54-34 for the base championship.

The 352nd proved to everyone what they already knew.

"We went undefeated throughout the season, and already beat 15th SVS pretty bad" earlier in the season, said Margerum. "We played awesome."



Sherrod Brown, 352nd IOS, gets a head up on Mike Watson, 15th SVS, during the tip off at the beginning of the second game. The 352nd IOS had to beat the 15th SVS twice Monday to win the championship.

(Right) Eric Kelly attempts a shot while Mike Watson, 15th SVS, tries to steal the ball away. Clayton McCord (far left), 15th SVS, and Will Karganilla (far right), 352nd IOS, stand ready to receive the ball.

